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Our Case No.: 11934/3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Toshihiko OBA

Serial No.: 09/673,360

Filing Date: October 16, 2000

For: SPEECH TRANSFORMATION  
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Examiner: NOLAN, Daniel A.

Group Art Unit No.: 2654

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT

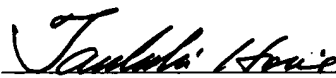
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In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed March 4, 2004,  
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Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 11934/3
Serial No. 09873360	Filing Date October 16, 2000	Examiner NOLAN, Daniel A.	Group Art Unit 2654
Inventor(s) Toshihiko OBA			
Title of Invention SPEECH TRANSFORMATION METHOD AND APPARATUS			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Response to Election/Restrictions Requirement, and return postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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Small Entity		or	Other than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9=			x \$18=	
x 43=			x \$86=	
+\$145=			+ \$290=	
Total add'l fee	\$		Total add'l fee	\$

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Respectfully submitted,

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